



THE CAPITOL HEIGHTS EXPRESS

Election/Capitol Heights Day- Special Edition

The Official Newsletter of the Incorporated Town of Capitol Heights

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Meet the Candidates

Come out and Meet the Candidates for Mayor and Town Council on April 26, 2018
from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

The meeting is at the Capitol Heights Fire Station
(6061 Old Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, MD 20743).

Please turn to page 15 for candidate bios.

In this edition, we are focusing on our upcoming Capitol Heights Day events. This year's festival will showcase a parade with marching bands; dance troupes; live animated characters; arts and crafts; car clubs; specialty food vendors; live music; children's entertainment and rides.

The line-up for this year's events is as follows:

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Wednesday, June 6 – 10:00AM

Location: To Be Announced



Join us as we kick off our 27th Annual Capitol Heights Day celebration with a Prayer Breakfast. The Prayer Breakfast location will be announced. All are invited to fellowship with us as we encourage the community to gather and reaffirm spiritual values upon which this town was founded.

GOSPEL CONCERT

Thursday, June 7 – 6:00PM

Location: Town Hall (Street Area)

This event celebrates the voices, passion and compassion of choirs, individual singers and groups who want to impact and inspire people everywhere with a soulful sound. Christian music and worship by local choirs will be a highlight you do not want to miss. The celebration will also include food for purchase and the 1st and 2nd place winner will be selected to receive a prize. Come out and join us!! We promise you will not be disappointed.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT/AWARDS DINNER

Friday, June 8 – 6:00PM

Location: Dave and Busters (Capitol Heights)

Each year, the Town honors citizens and staff who make an outstanding difference in the community and their employment by presenting them with an award chosen from 9 categories for citizens and 2 categories for staff. These awards pay tribute to their achievements for outstanding excellence in the areas of public service, gardening, and entrepreneurial stewardship, to name a few of the categories. The Awards Dinner will be held at Dave & Buster's located at 1851 Ritchie Station Court, Capitol Heights MD, 20743.



CAPITOL HEIGHTS DAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 9 – 10:00AM

Location: Chamber Avenue & Davey Street

For over two decades, the Town has been marking this occasion with a parade and festival to commemorate the founding of this Town. The parade and festivities are scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. at the intersection of Chamber Avenue and Davey Street (near Capitol Heights Metro Station).





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CAPITOL HEIGHTS DAY MEAL TICKETS The Town will be giving away 200 meal tickets to be redeemed at the Capitol Heights Day Festival on Saturday, June 9, 2018. The ticket is good for a \$5 meal at participating vendors. Tickets are given on a first come first serve basis and can be picked up at the Town table the day of the event. Pick-up time start at 9:00 a.m. There is a limit of FOUR tickets per household. Tickets can only be purchased by town residents. Photo Identification will be required.



MAYOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS The Town of Capitol Heights Scholarship registration is now open for High School Seniors! Applications must be submitted by May 4, 2018 for review. See application towards the end of this special edition and return to the Town Hall. Capitol Heights residents preferred. For more information contact Town Hall at (301) 336-0626.

CALL-A-BUS SERVICES The Town of Capitol Heights will provide pick-up and drop-off services for Town residents who will be participating in the Capitol Heights Day activities from Wednesday, June 6, 2018 to Saturday, June 9, 2018. There is not a fee for this service. Calls must be placed at least 24 to 72 hours in advance. For additional details and scheduled times, please contact the Call-A-Bus driver at (240) 472-2209. Be sure to leave a detailed voice message.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT AND AWARDS DINNER TICKETS The Town of Capitol Heights will be selling tickets to Town residents starting Monday, April 23, 2018. Tickets can be purchased at Town Hall (Cash or Money Order Only) for a fee of \$15.00 per ticket. Ticket purchase includes Dinner, Dessert and Unlimited game play. There is a limit of FOUR tickets per household. Tickets can only be purchased by town residents. Photo Identification will be required.





TOWN RESIDENT AWARD NOMINATIONS The Mayor and Council needs your help in selecting award recipients for our Annual Awards Dinner. The categories are:



Rising
Star
Award



Fisherman
of
Men
Award



Home
Sweet
Home
Award



Golden
Heritage
Award



Entrepreneurial
Stewardship
Award



Greater
Capitol
Heights
Award



Public
Servant
Award



Green
Thumb
Award



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2018 CAPITOL HEIGHTS DAY WEEKEND

The Town of Capitol Heights are looking for individuals who may be interested in participating in our 27th Annual Capitol Heights Day!



Parade and Festival
Saturday, June 9, 2018



We are searching for interested candidates in the following categories:

- Food Vendors
- Merchandise Vendors
- Exhibitors
- Parade participants

To apply and for more information contact Town Hall at
(301)336-0626.

Applications due by: May 4, 2018



Capitol Heights Has Talent

Auditions

GOT TALENT??

COME SHOW US WHAT YOU GOT!

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

WHERE: TOWN HALL

(1 CAPITOL HEIGHTS BLVD. CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT TOWN HALL

AT (301)336-0626

!!CASH PRIZE!!



**TOWN OF CAPITOL HEIGHTS TALENT SHOW REGISTRATION FORM
CAPITOL HEIGHTS HAS TALENT AUDITIONS**

on Saturday, May 12, 2018

Vivian M. Dodson Municipal Center @ 11:00AM

Return to the Main Office no later than May 4, 2018.

1. This registration is for (check one):

a. Individual Entry _____

b. Group Entry _____

Only one member of the group should complete the form, but each partner must list their name below.

Name (if Group Act, you must list all names here)

Name	Email	Contact Number
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

2. Type of Talent (check one category):

Dance _____ Skit _____ Song _____ Other _____

Other (Please specify below.)

3. Title of Performance (or Group Name) _____

4. Brief description of Act (Lip Sync, Dance, Magic Act, Vocal, Juggling, etc):

5. Will performance include props? Yes _____ No _____

- If yes, to #5 please explain in space below (i.e., 2 tables, 1 chair, upright piano, music stand)

- Special setup or arrangement required? Yes _____ No _____



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Town of Capitol Heights

Scholarship Application

Application Due by May 4, 2018-High School Seniors Only-Capitol Heights Residents Preferred

Student Information:

Name (Last, First, MI): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (____) ____-_____

Email Address: _____

Expected High School Graduation Date: _____ Current Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

Current Class Rank: _____ Expected College Major: _____ SAT/ACT: _____

College/University/Trade School You Plan to Attend: _____

Demographic Information:

Gender:

- ☐ Male
☐ Female

U.S. Citizen:

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If no, what country? _____

Race/Ethnicity:

- ☐ American Indian
☐ Alaska Native
☐ Asian
☐ African American/Black
☐ Native Hawaiian/Other
☐ Pacific Islander
☐ White
☐ Hispanic or Latino
☐ Other _____



Town of Capitol Heights

Scholarship Application

Application Due by May 4, 2018-High School Seniors Only-Capitol Heights Residents Preferred

Scholarship Questions: (These should be submitted as attachments)

1. Please describe your community service experience?
2. What kind of work do you plan to do and how will you give back to the community?
3. Describe your quest for education and why it is important for you to be awarded a scholarship?
4. Attach a resume or one-page biography that describes your academic life and extracurricular activities.

**Return all completed materials to the Town of Capitol Heights, MD – 1 Capitol Heights Blvd.,
Capitol Heights, MD 20743 – or by fax to (301) 336-8706 due by May 4, 2018**



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Please list your nominations for the following awards.

Your nominations will be very helpful in assisting the Mayor and Council in selecting award recipients. Please feel free to include any supporting documentation to support your nomination.

PLEASE RETURN TO TOWN HALL BY MAY 4, 2018

1. **“MAYOR’S AWARD”** – “Making a Difference Award” – Awarded to an individual or group who has most made a difference in the Town of Capitol Heights.

2. **“RISING STAR AWARD”** – Awarded to an outstanding youth who has made a difference in the Town of Capitol Heights.

3. **“FISHERMAN OF MEN AWARD”** – Awarded to the outstanding Theologian or other religious leader who has made a difference in the Town of Capitol Heights.

4. **“HOME SWEET HOME AWARD”** – Awarded to a family who has maintained their residence in the Town of Capitol Heights for over three generations AND has made a difference in the Community.

5. **“GOLDEN HERITAGE AWARD”** – Awarded to a senior who has made a difference in the Town of Capitol Heights.

6. **“ENTREPRENEURIAL STEWARDSHIP AWARD”** – Awarded to a business who has made a difference in the Town of Capitol Heights.

7. **“GREATER CAPITOL HEIGHTS AWARD”** -- Awarded to an individual or group who does not reside in the Town of Capitol Heights, however, continues to make a difference in the Town.

8. **“PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD”** -- Awarded to an individual or group who is employed by the Town of Capitol Heights, that makes a difference in the Town operations.

9. **“GREEN THUMB AWARD”** -- Awarded to an individual or group who maintains a beautiful yard and/or garden.

Please return by May 4, 2018 to:

Awards Committee
1 Capitol Heights Boulevard
Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743
Fax Number: (301) 336-8706



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Town of Capitol Heights: Municipal Elections

On May 7, 2018, the Town of Capitol Heights will hold our election for Mayor and Town Council. The election will take place in the Town Hall Building, 1 Capitol Heights Blvd. Capitol Heights, MD 20743 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm in the Multi-purpose room. Absentee Ballots applications are available at Town Hall. Listed below are the candidates running for Office.

Mayoral Candidates

Meet Shawn Maldon

Dear neighbors, I am Shawn Maldon, 7-year resident of the Town of Capitol Heights. After graduating from Howard University (Political Science and Spanish) and Northeastern University, Boston, MA (Masters in Education), I decided to make the Town my home. As a business developer, I know a thing or two about economic development and have been able to create jobs for some of our residents and provide on-going, free community activities. I am excited about working for you as your next Mayor. I am running for Mayor to move the town forward! Learn more about me and my vision at www.ShawnMaldon.com



Meet Darrell Miller



Former Mayor 2006-2010, Councilman 2002-06, 2014-Present. Secured over \$4 million in Grants and Bond Bills for Roads, Planning, Land and Energy Upgrades. Initiated Library and Computer services at Greater Beulah Baptist Church. President Capitol Heights Seat Pleasant Boys and Girls Club Inc. Formerly the Chief of Staff for Delegate Darryl Barnes, NAACP Prince George's Branch Legislative Director, Men Aiming Higher Legislative Director, and Board Member from London Woods HOA. Darryl Miller is a father and husband for 23 years. He is a Graduate of Strayer University with Bachelors in Computer Science and a proven record, securing funds for Community Initiatives.

Meet Linda Monroe

I am a 26-year resident of the Town, a professional having over 30 years of experience with the federal government and a current proactive council member who has honored all 2014 campaign undertakings. My MBA degree, management skills, knowledge of budgeting, personnel and my compassion for others will prove to be invaluable to the Town. As Mayor, I won't promise you anything because an unfulfilled promise becomes an untruth. My pledge to you is that I, along with Council, will commit to planning and strategizing ways to operate the Town as a successful business with the residents being our most valuable resource.



Council Candidates

Meet Rhonda Akers



Hello, my name is Rhonda Akers. I'm running for a Town Council seat. I have lived in the Town of Capitol Heights for 34 years. I chose to run for Town Council because I have an extensive amount of community involvement in the Town to include Voluntary EMT-Capitol Heights Fire Department, PTA president - Capitol Heights Elementary School, and the Board of Elections. As a member of the Capitol Heights Town Council, my vision is to organize and support: Community and residential issues; Economic Development; More Youth Activities; Improving housing for Senior Citizens and Grants for small business.

Meet Caroline Brown

Caroline Brown has been a resident over 26 years. She was awarded the ICON Award by BE THERE Magazine celebrating her phenomenal accomplishments in the DMV for her deep passion for youth, seniors, arts, and civic engagement. She is running for Council because “*giving back*” to the community is her REWARD to help others. She is the proud mother of one son who is excelling academically. As a Volunteer and President of the Capitol Heights Advisory Committee, she is excited about continuing to engage the community and its leadership. Ms. Brown is experienced, committed, and dedicated to serving the community.



Meet Sandra Brown - No information submitted

Meet Renita Cason

Councilmember Renita Cason is seeking re-election. I have been fortunate and proud to serve you for three terms. In 1991, I became an active resident of the Town of Capitol Heights/London Woods Subdivision. I have been involved with resolving community issues and enhancing the Town government. Serving my community has always been a priority. If re-elected, I will continue to do my best to improve Town services, address quality of life and Town government issues and work towards solutions for the good of community. “Delivering for the Town of Capitol Heights”



Meet LaTonya Chew

My name is LaTonya Chew and I am 51 years of age. Current Graduate of University of Maryland University College with a Masters of Information System Technology and a Masters of Cybersecurity Policy. I have lived in the Town of Capitol Heights for 26 years. My family and I currently attend the Soul Factory Church. I am currently running for Town Council for the following reasons: 1) enhance our neighborhood policing and crime prevention, 2) lobby and attempt to partnership with MNCPPC for a recreation facility, 3) Economic Development and 4) Educational platform for our children to include tutoring services.

Meet Faith Ford

Faith Ford is a 13-year resident of the Town of Capitol Heights. She’s a wife, mother of three beautiful and active children, sister, and daughter. Above all, she values her relationship with God. When opportunity presents itself, she aims to serve where needed. She is running for Council because she realizes the **TIME FOR CHANGE IN THE TOWN OF CAPITOL HEIGHTS TO MOVE THE TOWN FORWARD**. Her passion is to move the town toward a more community-centered Town that educates residents, fortifies families, empowers Youth, and cares for Senior Citizens: a community where everyone can be proud to LIVE!





Meet Melanie Garris

I, Melanie Garris, candidate for Council, am an 18-year resident of the Town of Capitol Heights and mother of 3 sons. I have been a federal employee for the past 19 years and am a well-informed strong manager, who manages 3 sections. My management skills, knowledge of federal rules and regulations and its enforcement, personnel, budget, program development and safety and health will prove to be an asset to the Town of Capitol Heights. If elected Council Member of the Town of Capitol Heights, my focus will be on Town Expansion, Town Clean up, Community Outreach and Youth Programs.

Meet Quintin Horton

I was seventeen years old when I began coaching with the Silver Spring Saints. I ultimately found my true passion, which was working with children. I moved to Capitol Heights at the age of twenty and I fell in love with the community. I coached for the Capitol Heights Knights for a few years and founded a Chess Club at Carmody Hills Elementary School. I want to a Political Platform to help the Community and believe with the wisdom from our Elders and the Innovation of our young people we can collectively advance as a society.



Meet Victor James, Sr.

Mr. Victor L. James, Sr., has lived in Capitol Heights for sixteen years. I am strongly driven by God and the institution of the importance of family. I have completed the requisite classes of Academy for Excellence in Local Governance from the University of Maryland in 2014 and I have received a (B. Arch.) degree in Architectural Engineering from the University of the District of Columbia in 1998.

The positive changes made with Candidate V. James will inspire a new civil pride, Responsibility and Belonging among the Citizens of the Town of Capitol Heights.



Meet Lynnette Lynn-Horton

Lynnette is a hardworking 10-year citizen of Capitol Heights, MD who loves her community, serves as Chaplain of the Capitol Heights, Police Department, and cares deeply about our TOWN. She is a US Air Force Disabled Veteran, and a Local Veteran Employment Representative for Prince George's County. Lynnette is a graduate of Norfolk State University, and Inner Visions Institute for Spiritual Development, under the auspice of Iyanla Vanzant. An ordained minister, serving 30+ years, and the Pastor of The People's Hope Ministries. Lynnette embodies the bold, energetic, vibrant, and passionate, leadership that is the signature of Capitol Heights.

Meet Alice Payne

Alice Payne is the founder and CEO of Got Hope, a non-profit organization based in Capitol Heights whose purpose is to provide fresh produce to its local residence. Alice has been an active and dedicated member of the Capitol Heights community for over 30 years aiding in the organization of several events such as Capitol Heights Day, a youth development program as well as her commitment to the job ministry. Alice is among the youngest of twelve children of southern sharecroppers and was taught at an early age the importance of family, values and integrity.





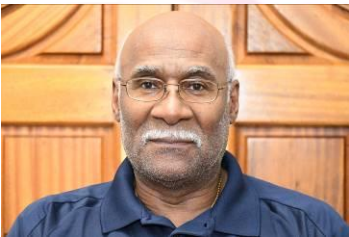
Meet Christella Spry

Christella, a native of Jersey City, NJ, is an educator and entrepreneur who loves GOD and loves family. Ms. Spry has been a resident in Capitol Heights for 14 years and has had the pleasure serving residents as a volunteer assisting with youth programming, senior programming, and special events. Ms. Spry received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Howard University and a Master of Education Administration degree from Grand Canyon University.

Meet Elaine Williams

Greetings! I am Elaine Williams an active community developer. While serving on the Town of Capitol Heights Mayor and Council (2014-2018) I held as priority, community programming that focuses on residents and their health. A resident in the Town for well over three decades, I proudly raised my family right here.

I attended The George Washington University and I am a certified Public Manager. A Certified Public Manager is trained in government. I am thrilled with the prospect of continuing to connect the dots for residents and bringing residents into the fold of local government, especially one that works.



Meet Ronald Williams, Sr.

Born in Washington, DC, moved to Capitol Heights, Maryland in 1985, attended DC public schools, Federal City College, Political Science/Sociology, served in the US Army, traveled extensively in U.S. for the United Methodist Church General Board of Global Ministry including Central Africa and Israel. Listed in the book of Who's Who Among Black Americans. I believe the Town needs experience, loyalty and integrity to implement the wishes of the residents that of Town of

Capitol Heights, Maryland. Take care of our senior citizens, economic development, public safety and training our future-the youth and young adults to keep the vision going.